

# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

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1. Cuba-USSR

a. Assembly of the IL-28s continues at San Julian, according to yesterday's photography.

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2. Cuba

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3. USSR

a. Khrushchev implied in remarks yesterday at a Kremlin reception that he has at least put off, if not abandoned, his earlier plan to come to the US to attend the current UN session and meet with the President.

b. Khrushchev told Ambassador Kohler yesterday that he had been thinking perhaps it would be well "not to rush into" a summit meeting; it would be better, he said, if there could be some advance preparation on one or more questions so that agreement would be in view. Then perhaps he and the President could meet "maybe together with some other heads of government" to register such agreements.

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c. His remarks convey an impression that the Soviets envisage a period of relative inaction while they take stock of the USSR's world position and our future policy.

d. Khrushchev showed great sensitivity to the view that he had backed down in the crisis. He argued that a flexible foreign policy and mutual concessions are what is required to avoid war.

e. The Cubans, Khrushchev said, do not share his confidence that the President will keep his word about not invading Cuba--a remark which suggests that Mikoyan's mission has been something less than successful from the Soviet point of view.

f. This likelihood is seen also in the fact that Khrushchev ignored the Cuban ambassador at the reception last night while giving much attention to the Kohlers.

4. USSR--  
Nuclear  
Testing

a. Khrushchev also said yesterday the USSR would end its current nuclear test series on 20 November.

b. He indicated this would be a good time for a test ban agreement, claiming the US and Soviet positions are "very close together."

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c. He tempered this optimism, however, by saying the US will start up tests again and, that being so, Soviet scientists would continue preparations for "future experiments."

## 5. USSR

a. At yesterday's parade, our attachés got a better look at the new large missile they had spotted in parade rehearsals. When they saw it earlier under canvas, it appeared to have fins and to be a cruise missile; yesterday it had none and appeared to be ballistic.

b. Furthermore it is too big to go in any submarine we know of, yet the Soviet press says it can be fired either from the surface or below the surface of the water.

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## 6. Congo

a. U Thant is making one last try to see if both Katanga and the central government are ready and willing to implement the UN plan.

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b. If the response is not satisfactory, he has told the UN Congo Advisory Committee he will consider the plan "scrapped" and will then "adopt some other policy." This presumably means military action, for which we know the UN is already preparing.

c. Meanwhile Leopoldville has apparently decided to take matters into its own hands and stir things up again in north Katanga. The Congo army has already mounted an attack on Kongolo, and we know [redacted] it hopes to move south from there.

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NOTES

- A. China-Cuba We have heard nothing further of those two IL-18s which the Chinese Communists were trying to get Moscow to allow to proceed to Havana. Apparently they are still in Peiping. [redacted] 50X1
- B. USSR [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] 50X1  
[redacted] missile test [redacted] 50X1  
[redacted] We expect a further series of [redacted] 50X1  
[redacted] shots to begin [redacted]. [redacted]
- C. USSR The proceedings at yesterday's 45th anniversary celebration made it possible for us to confirm what we have suspected for some time: that Marshal Sergei Biryuzov is the new commander of Soviet rocket forces. Until this summer, he was air defense commander. His predecessor in the rocket forces job, Marshal Moskalenko, has evidently been armed forces inspector general for several months.
- D. India-Turkey-Pakistan Turkey has given in to pressure from Pakistan and has decided not to help India with arms.
- E. Communist China - India The Communist Chinese were noted last night burning a huge mass of papers and documents at their embassy in New Delhi, which could mean they expect a break in relations.
- F. Indonesia Our consulate in Surabaya was attacked by some forty demonstrators this morning. There was some damage to windows and buildings, but no one was hurt. Embassy Djakarta does not yet know what the pretext was, but the demonstration was not sanctioned by the government.